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'LABOR COULD TURN ANY ELECTION INTO A LANDSLIDE'

(State Fed. Release)

If all the union members who don't vote would cast their ballots, they could "turn any close election into a landslide," according to Elmo Roper, political forecaster.

Roper told a National Broadcasting Company audience that the unrealized potential vote among union members and their families is 18 million. Union members, he said, are "notoriously delinquent" about voting.

"Evidence," he said, "indicates that over half the trade union members and even more of their families have never gone to the polls to vote."

Roper said among the reasons for voting apathy among trade unionists is that 41 per cent of them "haven't noticed what their unions have done politically."

And 70 per cent of union members' families report that "they simply haven't noticed the political positions of their unions at all."

"It is evident," Roper said, "that most union members feel little direct contact with their organizations on political matters."

"The big question facing union leaders," Roper summed up, "is how to get the rank-and-file out to vote on election day."

Roper's analysis was given in a National Broadcasting Company program conducted in New York.

ANCHOVY PACK CONTINUES; SIX PLANTS ACTIVE

Six plants along Monterey's Cannery Row were packing anchovies last week as the year's first activity of any consequence continued into a second week.

Good catches of anchovies were landed by local fishing boats from local waters, and the employment of men and women workers in the processing plants was estimated at from 800 to 1000, depending on shifts and hours of work.

Some plants are operating on two-shift basis and other plants are getting ready for an anchovy pack, if the catch continues. This marks the first time this year that the "Row" has been active to any extent—the sardine season early in the year having been poorest on record.

Fish Cannery Workers' Business Agent Lester A. Caveny and his wife, Marian, were due back this week from a vacation trip to Washington.

'Buck' Lambert, Treatment Plant Employee, Dies

Daryl G. ("Buck") Lambert, employed for some 12 years by the city of Salinas and a member of Laborers Union 272, passed away at a Salinas hospital last week after a long illness.

He was 59 and resided at 310 Park St., Salinas. He was a native of Monterey County and had been a farmer in the Corral de Tierra area for many years. For a time, also, he had been engaged in the house moving business.

In recent years he had been assistant chief operator at the Salinas Sewage Treatment Plant. Chief operator of the plant is Randolph Fenchel, former executive officer of Laborers Union 272.

Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon in Salinas for Bro. Lambert. Many members and officials of Laborers 272 and other unions were among those present.

Regional WSB OK's New Schedule For Safeway Clerks

(State Fed. Release)

The Regional Wage Stabilization Board has approved the application of Safeway Stores, Inc., and Local 1532 of the AFL Retail Clerks, Santa Rosa, for wage adjustments involving 110 clerks in Sonoma County stores, Irving Bernstein, chairman, announced this week.

Approval allows the company and the union to fix wage rates at levels prevailing in Safeway Stores in other counties in central and northern California.

The decision of the twelve members of the tri-partite body included authorization of a wage schedule for a 40-hour week, payment of time and one-half for work performed in excess of 8 hours per day, or on the sixth day worked in the calendar week, with double time for the seventh consecutive day of work.

Precedent for the action was set by approval of the company's and food clerks' applications for the reduction of the work week from 48 hours to 40 in stores in Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and San Joaquin counties.

'Paradise for Lawyers, Plain Hell for Labor'

"A paradise for lawyers and plain hell for labor," is the way Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, described most laws and regulations dealing with labor-management relations at a forum on economic education held recently at an Eastern college.

Shishkin said so-called labor law consists of a "wilderness" of conflicting court decisions. Most of the regulations are not enforced, he said, but "those that are enforced are heavily loaded against labor and are primarily to safeguard the interests of business and property, but not of men who work."

An Ernest Bevin memorial scholarship is to be established at Rushkin College in Britain by the Transport and General Workers Union, of which Mr. Bevin was the first general secretary.



Salinas Council Cancels Meet Friday, Session Set July 11; Key Officers Are Elected

Because of the Independence Day holiday, the Monterey County Central Labor Council of Salinas has cancelled its regular meeting scheduled this Friday night, and has changed the other meetings in July to make up for the lapse, according to Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

The Salinas council will meet Friday nights, July 11 and July 25, Clark said. Delegates were urged to note the change for the July meetings. The August meetings, Clark added, will be back on regular schedule—August 1 and 15.

New officers have been elected by the Salinas central body, with incumbents returned in most key posts except for a new vice president. Elected were:

President: R. A. Wood, Engineers.

Vice president: Dial H. Miles, Electricians.

Secretary-treasurer: A. J. Clark, Culinary-Bartenders.

Sergeant-at-arms: Roy Hearn, Painters.

Executive board: E. A. Helsey, Roofers; John Mattos, Laborers; M. L. Martin, Carpenters; Dial H. Miles, Electricians; Harvey Baldwin, Carpenters; Virgil Knight, Culinary-Bartenders; Al Finley Jr., Projectionists.

Trustees: William Empie, 3-year, Laborers; Virgil Knight, 1 year, Culinary-Bartenders.

Organizing committee: Harvey Baldwin, W. D. Empie and Roy Hearn. (Editor's Note: One written vote was cast for Secretary Clark for the organizing committee, activity of which he directs as secretary.)

Negotiating committee: D. H. Miles, Harvey Baldwin and A. J. Clark.

Press committee: Reuben Anderson, Butchers; R. A. Wood and A. J. Clark.

Baldwin, Eide At Navy Affair

Two carpenter officials were guests at the ground breaking ceremony last week for the new U. S. Naval School which is being erected in the Monterey area.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, and Harvey Baldwin, president of the area District Council of Carpenters, were only union officials reported as present. Contractor for the job is Haas Construction Co.

Monterey Carp. Union Elects New Officers

A new president and other new officers were chosen by Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey in last month's election, with Bus. Agt. Tom Eide and Secretaries Leo. E. Thiltgen and Robert A. Dalton retained.

Installation is scheduled at the union's first July meeting, a week from Monday.

Bus. Agt. Eide reports that work for carpenters has picked up so sharply that the union cannot supply men for all calls. He said there is a "dire need" for more union carpenters and that Carpenter work of all descriptions is available just now.

Elected were:

President—Ray Sutton (succeeding H. R. Shreve).

Vice-President—E. E. Norman.

Recording Secretary—Leo E. Thiltgen.

Financial Secretary—Robert A. Dalton.

Treasurer—James A. Taylor.

Business Agent—Tom Eide.

Warden—Vernon Ask.

Conductor—Francis Geary.

Trustees—J. W. Ethridge, James Adams and Sid Williams.

District Council Delegates—Leo E. Thiltgen, Tom Eide, Francis Geary and Frank Steiner; alternates—H. H. Sullivan and James Adams.

Labor Council Delegates—R. Hanse, Henry Zimmerman, Art Sutton, Irving Beyers and Tom Stone.

Hartnell Offers Student-Built Houses For Sale

Protests against college students competing with professional workmen in the construction field, the protests filed by the Central Labor Council at Salinas, were recalled last week as the school trustees took steps to sell a house built recently by students.

The house is being sold on terms and, except for the call for bids, the sale is being handled similar to all property sales—despite the fact that the house is built by inexperienced workmen. Labor groups have asked that students not be asked to build structures which will be sold on the market.

CISC Okays Wage Hike for Laborers

A telegram approving 15c wage increase for 30,000 AFL Hodcarriers and Laborers in 46 northern California counties, effective May 1, 1952, was received this week by the Northern California District Council of Laborers, according to Bus. Rep. Charles Robinson.

The increase, as Case No. C-7424, covers building, heavy and highway construction throughout the region under northern and central chapters of the AGC. Its prolonged negotiation during the recent Carpenters' strike caused a walkout of Laborers in some districts.

A 7½c health plan also was negotiated and it will be sent back for WSB-CISC approval as soon as a trusteeship is set up for it.

Increased hydro-electric output in North Scotland last year saved 570,000 tons of coal—more than a week's production from all Scottish pits.

By-laws committee: R. A. Wood, Robert Shinn, Butchers; A. J. Clark, Harvey Baldwin and Al Finley Jr.

Installation of new officers will be chief business at the July 11 meeting. The by-laws committee, although not provided for in the council constitution and by-laws, was elected because of need for some revisions in the governing code, Clark explained.

At the last meeting, Hank Hagestead, rent stabilization board member, explained to the council about the actions of the city fathers in voting for de-control of all rents in the area. Appeals are pending, it was reported.

New Highway Project Begins

Work of constructing a new unit of Highway 101 around the downtown district of Salinas was started last week by Caputa & Keeble Construction Co. of San Jose, with union workmen called to the job.

The highway work is expected to continue for some time as a major project for the area, according to W. D. Empie, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

Other work in the jurisdiction of Local 272, according to Empie, includes:

Start of concrete floor pouring by Tombleson & Huck Co. at the new Gonzales School.

Preliminary work on the Grant Motor Co. building in Salinas, with George Rentz, contractor.

In Hollister, a new street paving project with Frederickson & Watson Co. as contractors.

Empie said the state has started surveys also for a new bridge over the San Benito River on the road to Hollister.

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LABOR VIEWS THE CAMPAIGNS

(Reprinted from "The Nation," May 10, 1952)

By HUGO ERNST, President, AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union

It seems to me that the key to this election year lies in a thoughtful reading of the signs which reveal a vast uneasiness at work among the American people. Walter Lippmann and others, reporting "ear-to-the-ground" tours of the country, have found this restlessness, this seeking for answers, in every corner of the land. Some pass it off as nothing more than a mood for changing the "ins" for the "outs." Others read into it a current of defeatism. I think these are dangerous and superficial readings.

The signs are all about us. They reach all the way from the President's decision to "take a walk" to the worried frowns of housewives as they pass through the check-out station at the supermarket.

They include slipping farm prices, the lines of unemployed in the textile and auto towns, the new boldness of employer attacks upon trade unions.

They include dislocations of world trade, the Treasury's monthly report that more defense bonds are cashed than sold, the big advertisements for clearance sales of TV sets, refrigerators, and other high-cost merchandise.

They include recurring reports of acts of downright fascist violence against Negroes, Jews, Spanish-Americans, and other minority groups; the snooping into school-books which has befouled communities as far apart as Pasadena, California, and Port Washington, New York; the news that detention camps are being prepared for "subversives" in this land of the free.

They include items like the army's request for more funds to use in tracking down soldiers who have gone "over the hill"; the air force lieutenants who do not wish to fly; and Argosy magazine's opinion poll showing that the headline which eight out of ten Americans would most like to see, reads: WAR ENDED FOREVER.

Twenty years ago Franklin D. Roosevelt, sensing a similar uneasiness in the land, illuminated the dark night of the depression with a flashing phrase that showed his remarkable insight into the popular mood. "The only thing we have to fear," he said, "is fear itself." Then he went on to offer a New Deal so bold, so concrete, so accurate in its grasp of the nation's sense of insecurity, as to rally the people to his standard for four years of historic election victories—to say nothing of a fifth Democratic victory in 1948.

The "new" part of FDR's prescription was simply that he put people's security first: the security of their homes, their jobs, their farms, their small enterprises, their unions. The security of their civil rights, their health, their education, their natural resources. These were given priority over the narrower interests of those he dubbed "malefactors of great wealth."

It was this program which made the Democratic Party the choice of workers, farmers, and the small business men and professional people who serve them. It was this New Deal which brought to birth the political arms of the AFL, the CIO, the railroad unions, and the miners, all bent on supporting those in either party who would push the program. And it was this New Deal the Republicans and Dixiecrats in Congress set out to smash the moment FDR was dead. Seizing the initiative from President Truman, the coalition has put in motion since 1946 a mighty flood of reaction from the Hill which is washing away FDR's program as surely as the life-giving topsoil of the Missouri Basin is being washed away as I write. We can expect the erosion to continue if the Dixiecrats dictate at Chicago the nomination of a man who suits their own purposes rather than the needs of the plain people who have looked upon the Democratic Party as their instrument of social progress.

The Democrats can't win without a tremendous turnout in November. They can't get such a turnout unless they offer a national program that satisfies the people's need for security. And they must offer real security at home and

real security in relations with other nations.

At the very minimum, if there is to be a real outpouring of voters this year, the Democrats must not retreat an inch from the platform of 1948 when they met in Chicago in July. There must be no surrender to the Dixiecrats. If the delegates permit Senator Russell, the man who says he "would rather be a southerner than be President," to blackmail them with his 300 votes, then the campaign this fall will not be waged on the real issues at all, but on mink coats, reds-in-government, and wasteful welfare spending disguised as issues by candidates unwilling to face the causes of the people's restlessness. Disgusted voters will stay home.

Republicans have worked hand in glove with the Dixiecrats as wreckers of the New Deal. Together they forced the defense production program into forms which tightened monopoly's grip while weakening the people's defense against falling living standards. Carrying these policies beyond our shores, the "Dixiecop" alliance has starved the Point Four program for dealing permanently with what the President has called "stomach communism" by containing it within a wall of rising living standards. There is no likelihood that the election of Taft or Eisenhower, either of whom must carry into office reactionary Senators and Representatives, would in any way alter the nature of the present drift.

As for the Democrats, the great danger is that the Dixiecrats, using as their slogan, "You can't win without us," will blackmail the convention into choosing their man. The fact is, however, and it should be widely advertised, that neither Roosevelt nor Truman needed electoral votes from the Southern states; both would have been elected handily without them.

No, the Democrats don't need the Dixiecrats. What they do need is the votes of those—North, South, East, and West—who feel most sharply the insecurity of the times. And who are they? They are the voters who kept the Democrats in power from 1932 through 1948. They are the wage earners—steelworkers, hotel maids, white-collar employees—of the industrial cities. They are the family farmers of the Great Plains, the sharecroppers of the South. They are the Negro millions and the millions of new Americans from many lands even unto the second and third generations. Standing alone, they are called "minority groups"; together, they hold the popular power the Democrats must put into motion if they would win next fall. To enlist them, the Democrats must restore faith in the party as the defender of the people's rights. They must offer a platform explicit in its proposals for quieting the people's fears.

As I see it, these are the facts which the Democrats must face squarely if they want to win again in 1952:

- While most American families are caught in a net of frozen wages and rising prices, corporations continue to swell, like the frog in the fairy tale, with each new quarterly report.

- The existence of a tax structure which adds a heavy burden of indirect taxes to the already heavy direct taxes paid by the people, while lobbyists devise new loopholes for the big fellows.

- The shelving of the Fair Deal by the same Congress which continues to ladle out giant subsidies to industry, thus turning the nation's wealth over to monopoly.

- Mounting expressions of alarm from thoughtful people who see present policies as leading either to war or depression, and who don't want war as a "solution" for depression.

- The anti-labor climate fostered



"... I thought I heard him whisper, 'Get him to join his labor union and see that he's registered to vote!'"

by the Taft-Hartley act, epitomized in the steel crisis.

- The present moratorium on social progress—public housing, security for the aged, health insurance, federal aid to education, public power, flood control.

- The series of murderous assaults on Negroes. These grow bolder, as though the FBI's failure to catch the Kluxers who bombed Harry Moore's home in Florida at Christmas time were almost an invitation to violence.

There is also the issue of free speech. The fear of speaking out is the most ominous fact of life in America today. The virus of McCarthyism chills the heart and stills the tongue of the teacher, the preacher, the public servant, the editor, the union member. Ultimately this terrible disease destroys its victims' resistance to a malignant growth within the body politic—the cancer of fascism. A serious threat is that this same political "polio" may lay hold of the Democratic convention. Indeed, it would be a bitter irony should the McCarthy virus infect the party whose only hope of victory lies in offering the voters a cure for all the ills for which McCarthy and the Dixiecrats stand.

I do not believe working people or their unions will ever surrender to the Dixiecrats. They simply will not accept, just as the Negro people will not accept, any Democratic candidate who compromises on civil rights to gain the nomination. Nor do I believe that working people and their natural allies will turn to the Republicans unless some miracle at Chicago reminds the GOP of Lincoln, and they recover his concern for the rights of working people, white and black.

Should both parties turn their backs on the rights of labor, on civil rights, on the social needs of all of us, on the deep hunger for peace in the hearts of men, then I fear millions of voters will simply "sit this one out" and the victory will go to the Republicans by default.

The 1952 elections, it seems to me, are America's big chance, and perhaps the Democratic Party's last chance, to return to the path of FDR. Here is our opportunity to send to Washington a new President and a new Congress with a genuine mandate from the voters to re-appraise our foreign and domestic affairs. Such a government could help enormously in easing the tensions which now foster fear throughout the world.

Woman Unionist Named

Baltimore, Md. (LPA)—Angela Bombace, a leader in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, is the first labor delegate in 21 years named by a Maryland political party. She will attend the Democratic national convention as a member of the delegation selected at the state convention.

A district manager of the ILGWU's Upper South Department, Mrs. Bombace is also a member of the executive board of the Baltimore Federation of Labor. Active in politics for 15 years, she has headed numerous drives to bring economic security to wage earners, particularly in the field of labor and social legislation.

Almost 1/3 of all women working in the United States are over 45 years old. Of these, over 546,000 are over 65 years old.

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?

Again we must remind you that if you have not registered to vote, do so before Sept. 11. There are two candidates we feel must be elected in November—Will Hayes for Congress from the Thirteenth Congressional District and James Arnett for Senator from the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District. We feel these two men will give labor a better shake than the present incumbents who care nothing about the problems of the working men and women. Therefore, if you want a change, register and vote in the November elections.

ATTENTION CANNERY WORKERS!

Hollister Canning Company employees have had a few days work in cherries. Any women from the cannery group in Salinas who are interested or able to work in Hollister, please report to the Union office as we will need several women for the apricot canning season in Hollister. Register early for this work that we may get together to pool our rides. We have a guarantee of \$1.24 per hour and on piece work rates we will have an opportunity to earn some pretty good money. So be sure to register at the union office for this work.

C. B. Gentry in Gilroy has started dehydrating onions and garlic. We have been informed that it will be a very good run this year.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

We would like to see more of our members at the Little League Baseball games. All it takes is to see one game and you will not miss another for the balance of the season. Two games are played each night at both the Rodeo Park in north Salinas and the Gene Robertson Park in the Alisal. The first games begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Also listen to the broadcasts over KSBW every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night from 9:30 to 10 p.m. sponsored by your union.

NEWS BITS

We report with deep regret the death of Sabina Palacio who until recently was employed by the Raiter Canning Company. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and close friends of Mrs. Palacio.

In closing may we extend you best wishes for an enjoyable 4th of July holiday, and whether you are swimming, driving or whatever you do, please be careful.

Retailers Told It's OK to Raise Prices

Washington (LPA).—More than 200,000 retailers have received permission from the Office of Price Stabilization to raise their ceiling prices to absorb recent increases in transportation costs. All consumer goods are affected. The price increases allowed range from a penny to \$1 or more.

Meanwhile, the House Agriculture committee approved a bill to make high price supports mandatory for wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts and rice at 90 per cent of parity.

Australia attracted the largest number of emigrants from Britain in 1951—46,394; followed by Canada with 22,506 and the United States with 14,471.

Senators Ask Probe Of Propaganda by Private Elec. Firms

Washington (LPA).—Eleven Democratic and Republican Senators have called for a government investigation of "propaganda activities" of private electric utilities.

A joint resolution introduced June 19 by Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) would direct the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the amount spent by private power firms to "influence the election of state and federal officials," to "induce" churches, clubs and other groups to oppose public ownership of power, and to influence teaching in schools.

It also calls for a probe into advertising expenditures of utilities and an accounting of their financial interest in newspapers, pamphlets, magazines and other media. FTC would be required to hold public hearings, give Congress a progress report every 30 days and complete the inquiry in three years.

Joining with Magnuson in sponsoring the resolution were Democrats Kefauver (Tenn.), Gillette (Ia.), Lehman (N. Y.), Hill (Ala.), Green (R. I.), Murray (Mont.), Humphrey (Minn.) and Republicans Langer (N. D.), Morse (Ore.), and Tobey (N. H.).

Magnuson declared he was not "opposing the right of the private utilities to set forth their views honestly and openly upon any subject—provided they do so with their own funds and not with money received from customers that should be used to improve service or reduce rates."

He said the charge had been made "in highly responsible quarters" that private utilities again are engaging in the same propaganda activities against public power projects as were exposed and condemned by the FTC in an investigation from 1928 to 1935.

Later, during debate on a \$900,000 appropriation for studies on the development of the Niagara River area, Sen. George K. Aiken (R., Vt.) charged that private power interests have spent millions of dollars trying to "steal" Niagara Falls from New York and give it to private companies.

The power companies, he declared, "have invaded every club they can. They infiltrate farm and labor and business organizations as far as possible. They have gone to them with false propaganda. They have sought to prejudice the minds of the public in every way."

"They have been to every chamber of commerce in the northeastern part of the country. They have carried full-page advertisements in magazines and newspapers all over the country . . .

"Are the power companies going to run Congress? Are they going to run the government as a whole? They are working desperately in that direction. I say that this is the time to stop them."

The Senate approved the funds by a vote of 45 to 25, after ignoring an attempt by Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.) to kill the appropriation and leave development of the Niagara area up to private power firms.

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Street Honors Memory Of Trade Union Leader

Danville, Ill. (LPA).—Designation of a new street here as "Campbell Lane" pays tribute to a trade unionist who literally worked himself to death for other people. The city's Housing Authority named the highway in the 210-unit addition to the Fair Oaks project to be completed next fall.

James Clarence Campbell, union and community leader, was a member of the original Housing Authority board of directors until his death on Dec. 17, 1944.

Overwork in the cause of labor and the citizenry was a contributing factor in the severity of the attack of pneumonia which took his life at 58, his physician said.

At the time of his death Campbell was business agent of Bricklayers Local 22, to which he had belonged for 35 years, and president of the three top AFL organizations in Vermilion county. Besides the Housing Authority post, he also was serving on the area committee of the War Manpower Commission and in other civic posts.

Fellow unionists have acknowledged their indebtedness to Campbell by laying a wreath on his grave each year the Sunday before Labor Day.

Tracy Blasts Electrical Industry's Wage Policy

Washington (LPA).—Pres. D. W. Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has denounced employers in the electrical manufacturing business for balking at granting adequate wage increases.

The IBEW has presented seven wage proposals to Westinghouse Electric Corp., including a productivity adjustment, elimination of plant differentials, and a minimum of \$1.50 an hour. Tracy declared Westinghouse average return on total equity of 13.72 per cent in the past two years permits Westinghouse to grant a substantial wage adjustment without increasing prices.

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Radio-TV Directors Force End of Kickback

New York (LPA).—Members of the AFL Radio and Television Directors Guild have stopped paying "kickbacks" to the broadcasting chains. Besides, they got 15 to 20 per cent wage increases, subject to the usual WSB approval, and an 8-hour day in an agreement ratified within a few hours of a strike deadline.

The contract with NBC, CBS, ABC and DuMont networks outlawed a practice, unknown to the public, whereby the directors were forced to pay the chains a percentage of their earnings on commercial jobs not included in their regular work.

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Dreams and Cold Facts

Every day, every hour there becomes clear some new way in which we, the lowdown working people of America are kidding ourselves.

This great tendency to kid ourselves is readily recognized by the top boys, the story and movie writers, and they keep baiting us, egging us into holding onto this rosy dream.

The big dream, briefly, is this: that we, the little people, have a say in running things, our government, our laws, our money system, our daily lives.

This dream is cultivated by rosy movies in which wealth is assumed and nobody has to engage in the dirty, sweaty, hard business of looking for a job and working for a living. The magazine and radio stories are all the same. We love this fiction because it helps us escape from reality, from the most unpleasant facts.

The politicians carry the double-talk further. They make us think that vicious, union-strangling laws like Taft-Hartley were made to "protect" labor. They make us think that a price-control law, with a vicious Capehart amendment giving wide price loopholes to the favored, was passed for our benefit. The tax laws similarly are outrageously rigged to benefit the wealthy.

Our pocketbook is hurting steadily but we are not kicking very loudly about a four-bit dollar. The "controlled inflation" we are now witnessing is controlled to favor the wealthy—their profits are soaring to make up for the loss of dollar value, but wages have risen far less in proportion. This is slow robbery. The little guy who saved a thousand hard-earned dollars 10 years ago, has been robbed of \$500.

Yet we dream on. We escape from reality. They tell us we have the best country in the world, and that we have, but under this emotion of patriotism they rob us of job security, health security, and money security, a cruel, deceptive trick. The only real security is possessed by the wealthy, the top boys, the haves, while the have-nots can go to a pauper's grave for all they care.

This most unsettling condition is beginning to reflect itself in the growing crime rate, the increasing corruption in every walk of life, and it will bust out proper in violent revolt against our dollar democracy one of these days unless the common sense and humanity on which this country was founded is brought forth in real leadership.

Fortunately most of us continue to swallow double-talk, dream away, and kid ourselves. Many are beginning to awaken with a shudder. We hope the awakening will come gradually, but that is not usually the way old habits are changed:

One form of democracy still remains with us, although it is besieged by constant, crushing attack of propaganda. That is the right to vote. This is one big opportunity to choose men who govern our lives from day to day.

Let us awaken to the hard facts, the cold reality of today's existence and make use of this right to choose men, or, sure as sin, we'll lose it too!

Vacation—From Honesty

While the cunning and the fortunate are off on wonderful vacations and the working people take a week or two, the public relaxes in its observation of government and politicians. Most of the real dirty work each year is done in the summer months, when it's too hot to think about it.

Congress adjourns, leaving great quantities of needed legislation untouched, to go off politicking. This is an annual crime that should be corrected. This year, in addition, we have the quadrennial circus of party conventions, bombastic machines deciding who we shall have as president.

Whether this vacation from honesty and integrity is planned or coincidental, it certainly works to the advantage of political connivance over America and to the serious detriment of the people's rights, welfare, and progress.

Pin Him Down

Don't let a candidate throw dust in your eyes.

When he asks you to support him for election, pin him down. Don't let him stand up, talks about Socialism and Communism and then sit down.

Ask him where he stands on Social Security. On aid to our Allies. On minimum wages. On housing. On Taft-Hartley. On health insurance. On aid to education. On civil rights. On public power.



Washington, D. C.

● You Win Again . . .

Housewives have won their fight for potatoes at fair prices. The sharpies who were jacking up prices and yelling shortage did not make the killing they expected when potato price supports were removed. Housewives refused to scramble for high-priced spuds . . . and the prices are tumbling.

● Opposing the Lobbyists . . .

Before a room packed with lobbyists, Comptroller General Lindsay Warren challenged the deals under which Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer has spent millions of dollars for subsidies on giveaway ship construction. Warren was particularly bitter about the Maritime Board spending \$70 million of public money for a new ship for which a shipping line is expected to pay only \$28 million.

● A Tribute:

Let's congratulate a very remarkable lady, Miss Thelma Thompson of Thomaston, Georgia. Her life and work are living proof that you can get things done if you do them yourself. Thanks to Miss Thompson, thousands of victims of leprosy are receiving better treatment and thousands of other victims yet to come need not suffer the humiliation of those before them. Miss Thompson's crusading led to the passage of the Leprosy Act.

● They Heard Us . . .

Federal Trade Commission has turned down the volume on the advertising claims of Sonotone, Microtone, Beltone, and Dictograph. They agreed not to use such claims as "they hide your deafness." Uncle Sam whispered a word of caution and they had no trouble hearing.

JOKES, Etc.

Want a piece of this cake?

What kind is it?

Marble cake.

No, thanks, I'll just take it for granite.

A serious impediment to marriage these days is the increasing difficulty of supporting the government and a wife on one small income.

All the workmen in the long line of men digging the new subway pushed their wheelbarrows filled with dirt as they wheeled them away. All except one. He alone pulled his.

"Why," asked a sidewalk superintendent of the gang foreman, "does that man pull and not push his barrow? Is he a communist or something?"

"Oh, no," was the reply. "It's just that he hates the sight of the damned thing."

Boss: "Why were you late this morning, James?"

James: "There are eight of us, sir, in the family, all sleeping in the same room—but the alarm was only set for seven."

"I feel like socking the boss in the jaw again."

"What do you mean—again?"

"Well, I felt like doing it once before today."

They were sitting close together. He looked at her with admiration. "What I like about you," he said, "is that you have a high I.Q."

"I I.Q., too," she cooed, snuggling closer.

Name a great time saver.

Love at first sight.

And then there was the cannibal's daughter who liked the boys best when they were stewed.

Sometimes a man will spend years looking for his dream woman. And in the meantime, he gets married.

"So you've been giving Brown nerve treatment," said one doctor to another. "How is he coming along?"

"Fine. He asked me to lend him \$50 the other day."

"Was it love at first sight?"

"No—second sight. The first time she didn't know he had money."

"Gwendolyn could marry anyone she pleases."

"Why doesn't she?"

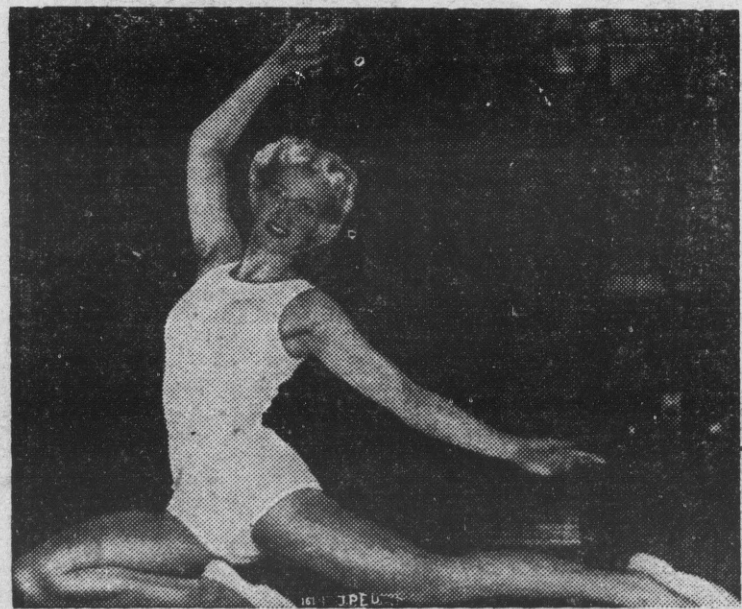
"She doesn't please anybody."

Colored gent known for his evil ways and unrepentance, showed up unexpectedly at church. Preacher asked whatever brought him in, was he reforming reforming?

"Not exactly," was the reply, "you see I just got a job white washing a chicken house and fencing a watermelon field, and I need strengthening."

They called her Easter Egg because she was painted on the outside and hard-boiled on the inside.

Britain's exports and re-exports in January, 1952, totaled \$264,200,000, the highest ever, and 6 per cent above the average for the previous six months. Exports to the vital dollar markets, U. S. A. and Canada, last February, were \$19,400,000—well below the 1951 average.



OLYMPIC GYMNAST.—Dorothy Dalton goes through much more difficult and strenuous exercises than this as a member of the 1952 Olympic gymnast team. Dorothy, who also made the team in 1948, is a member of the Electrical Workers in Bloomfield, N. J. (LPA)



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

When Joe Kozak, Sr., died in 1951 his widow was paid a lump sum and a monthly insurance benefit because she was over 65. The son, Joe, Jr., thought the amount was too small compared to what other widows were receiving.

Joe, Sr., had always earned good wages as a foreman in a foundry where he had worked since social security started. So, Joe, Jr., asked the social security office to recheck their records.

Contact with the employer showed that both Joe, Sr., and Joe, Jr., were working at the foundry in 1937 when the social security cards were given out to the employees. There were two cards showing the name Joe Kozak but each had a different number. So Joe, Sr., was given one and Joe, Jr., the other. The only thing wrong was that Joe, Sr., was given Joe, Jr.'s, and wages were reported by the foundry that way.

Joe, Jr., served in the Army for three years and had no wages but he was given credit for Joe, Sr.'s. Joe, Sr., got no credit for the three years. Also the father, being a foreman, was paid more than the son, but Joe, Jr., got the credit. Actually, Joe, Sr., only received credit for about half as much as he had been paid.

Finally, the records were unscrambled and each account was given proper credit. Now the widow receives \$45 instead of the \$25 she had accepted.

So it pays to check up once in a while. Workers should compare the number on their social security cards with the one on the employers' records. Once in every four years they should send in a post card Form OAR-7004 for a statement of their social security account. This will permit them to compare the amount recorded to the amount they have earned. These post card forms may be obtained from the social security field office at the above address.

Housing Program Is Less Than Half Truman's Request

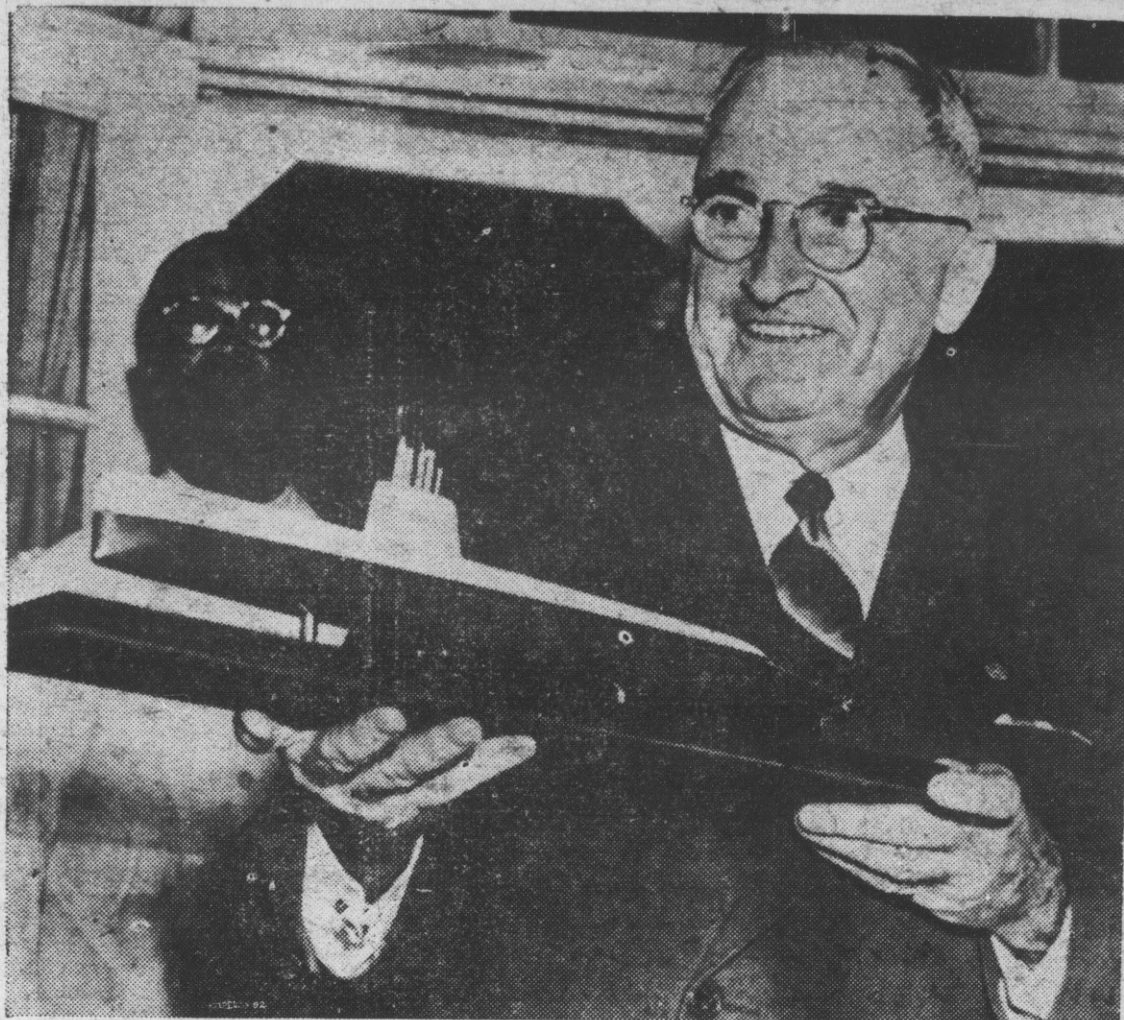
Washington (LPA).—Construction of 35,000 public housing units in the year beginning July 1 was approved June 18 by Senate-House conferees. This is less than half the 75,000 requested by President Truman, but is considerably more than the 5000 originally voted by the House. The Senate figure had been 45,000.

The conferees also modified a proposal to deny federal funds for public housing in which Communists or fellow travelers are permitted to live. The provision was changed to make it a policy that public housing agencies should not hire Communists or grant them housing, but enforcement was left up to local housing authorities.

The Senate voted 37 to 31 for the 45,000 figure on June 4, and the National Housing Conference then reported that Senators said "they had never received such pressure from the real estate lobby whose representatives combed the capital."

Britain's consumption of all oil products went up from 15,276,771 tons in 1950 to 16,887,908 tons in 1951. Production of gasoline in the United Kingdom refineries more than doubled in the same period—from 1,477,955 to 2,923,181 tons.

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President Truman beams as he holds a scale model of the U.S.S. Nautilus, first nuclear powered submarine being built by the Electric Boat division of the General Dynamic Corp.

7 MAJOR ATTACKS ON INSECURITY IN U.S., NOT JUST ONE

(State Fed. Release)

Assistant U. S. Secretary of Labor Philip M. Kaiser, addressing delegates to the 35th International Labor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, last week stressed the need for a "diversity of techniques" in approaching the problem of human betterment.

"Those who insist on a single, exclusive formula or panacea for social progress are moving down the road to disillusionment and disaster," he said.

Drawing a parallel between international and national problems, he said great progress has been made in the United States in providing old-age help and security because Americans "have not relied exclusively on a single solution." At least seven different ways to the same end have been developed, he noted—among them the federal system of old-age assistance, private insurance, and labor-management pension plans.

In international affairs, as well, he continued, "flexibility of approach is indispensable to the co-operative efforts of free nations to solve their problems."

Kaiser said it was "one of the great accomplishments of the ILO that it has not been lured down the path of doctrinaire exclusiveness."

The technical assistance program, he declared, is an example of the "flexible approach" of the ILO. "The technical assistance which is made available through the ILO is not for governments alone. It is technical assistance for private employers, for trade unions, for employers and unions working together—for all the people."

The ILO "recognizes that the origins of progress can come from many of the forces in a society, not necessarily from the government alone," Kaiser noted. "Each people works out for itself its own instrument of progress. The ILO does not attempt to make the choice."

Office Workers Drive

A current organizational drive has added 200 members in Oakland, the AFL State Council of Office Employees recently announced.

A statewide organizing campaign is being conducted by the union with the assistance of the California Federation of Labor.

State and City Taxes Hit the Poorest Hardest

Washington (LPA)—States and cities are shifting more and more of the tax burden onto the backs of those least able to pay, said the May issue of the CIO Economic Outlook, published by the CIO's Department of Education and Research.

Politicians, it said, have led taxpayers to become concerned over federal taxes, which at least are based somewhat on ability to pay, and to overlook state and local taxes—such as sales taxes—which come out of the necessities of the poor while leaving untouched the luxury standards of the rich.

Pointing out that taxes based on ability to pay are "progressive" while flat taxes on necessities are "regressive," the Outlook said 79 per cent of federal tax revenues last year came from progressive taxes on individual incomes, corporate income taxes, and levies on estates and gifts, while the states collected only 19 per cent of their revenue from these sources and fully 59 per cent from sales taxes, a levy on consumers regardless of income.

The federal income tax allows an exemption of \$600 for every member of the family "on the assumption that this sum is needed to provide food, clothing and shelter," according to the Outlook, but sales taxes reduce this inadequate allowance still further, even among the 10,000,000 families (representing 35,000,000 persons) that had incomes of less than \$2,000 in 1950.

Thirty-one states now have general sales taxes, it said, and all 48 have "selective" sales taxes, such as those on gasoline and tobacco.

Four (Illinois, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia) got more than 80 per cent of their revenue from this source. None of the four has an individual income tax, and only South Dakota has a small corporate profits tax.

"Fair wages and salaries have long been the concern of organized labor," it concluded; "fair and equitable taxes are also our business."

OREGON SCHOLARSHIPS

Portland, Ore. (LPA).—Three girls and two boys won \$500 college scholarships in the Oregon State Federation of Labor's sixth annual contest. Three alternates in the finals, awarded \$50 registration grants, all were boys.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly!

HERE IT IS: NO. 13 ON NOV. BALLOT -- KILL CROSS-FILING!

(State Fed. Release)

Assignment of ballot numbers and places for state constitutional amendments found the AFL endorsed cross-filing repeal measure listed as No. 13 in the roll of 23 propositions given identity last week by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

The California State Federation of Labor has led a long, historic campaign to eliminate the cross-filing system which permits candidates for state and national offices to run as both Democrats, Republicans or independents.

Net effect of the system has been to place in office numerous officials not bound by any party platform or philosophy.

Critics of the cross-filing procedure have also pointed out that big-business lobbyists are given the place of influence which should rest with the candidate's sponsoring party.

Proposition No. 13 and the 22 other proposed amendments to the state constitution will be on the ballot at the November general election.

Women Close Mines As the Dust Ruins Their Week's Wash

Morgantown, W. Va. (LPA).—When it comes to militancy, members of the United Mine Workers have quite a reputation—but that's outmatched by their wives when they go into action. A group of the women set up picket lines around a big coal cleaning plant near here and nobody—but nobody—went through.

The housewives' gripe was dust—too much of it—polluting the atmosphere, ruining their wash and making housecleaning too frequent a chore. Closing the cleaning plant also shut down two of the Christopher Coal Co.'s mines employing about 700 men.

The firm's operations manager said steps had been taken to reduce spread of coal dust, that an expensive collection system was installed a year ago. Not enough, said the women. We'll do more, replied the company.

Cost of Living Hits New High On Old Index

Washington (LPA).—The cost of living hit a new all-time high May 15, according to the old style index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, climbing to 190.4. Rising prices for food and rents accounted for most of the increase. Almost 1,400,000 rail workers get a 2-cent wage boost as a result. The new-style index went to 189, just below the 189.1 all-time high of January.

"No Raiding" —Machinists

Washington (LPA)—Renewal of the "no raiding" agreement signed in 1949 between the AFL Intl. Assn. of Machinists and the CIO United Auto Workers was announced June 20.

Lawrence Gettlinger, assistant to UAW Pres. Walter P. Reuther, has been appointed liaison officer to handle all UAW complaints of violations of the agreement. Charles F. West, IAM Grand Lodge representative, was named liaison officer by IAM Pres. Al Hayes.

The two unions also will appoint standing committees to deal with mutual jurisdictional problems. Revisions of the agreement will be discussed at a Detroit meeting tentatively for July.

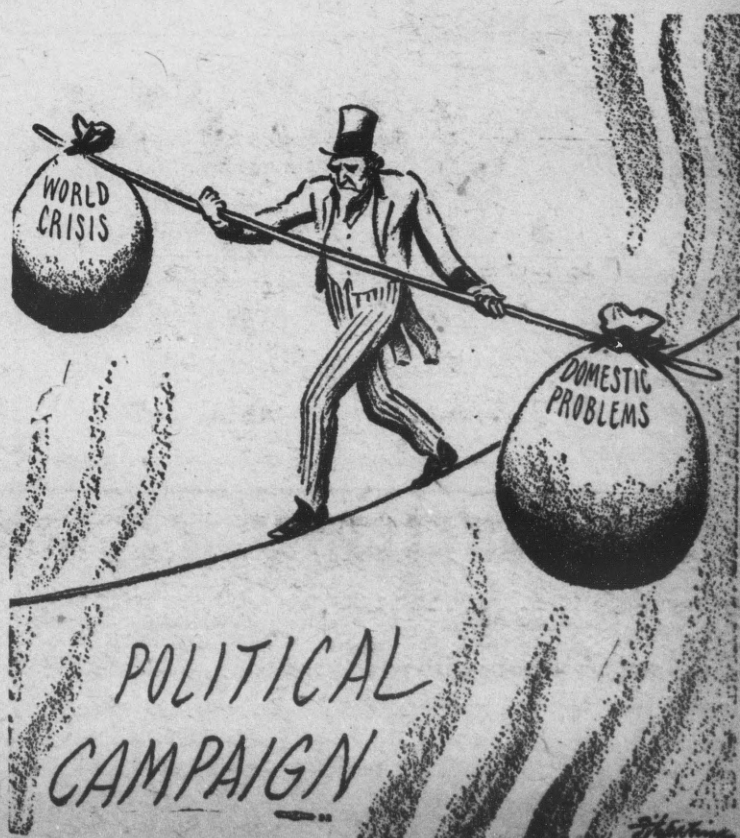
In the 1949 agreement, each union agreed to respect the contracts of the other and to abide by fair competition standards in organizing campaigns where the two unions were competing for bargaining rights for workers in the same plant.

Purpose of the agreement was to permit both unions to concentrate on organizing the unorganized rather than dissipating their energies on raids on already organized plants.

FIRM TO USE LABEL

Hillsdale, Mich. (LPA).—F. W. Stock & Sons here has won permission from the American Federation of Grain Millers to use the union's label on its products. It is the only company in the industry so far authorized to do so.

From Now Till November



Local Union Action 'a Must,' AFL Political Head Declares

(State Fed. Release)

American labor must reach its membership through emphasized local union political action, James L. McDevitt, national head of the AFL's Labor's League for Political Education, last week told the fifth annual AFL Summer Institute in Santa Barbara.

In a closing night address, McDevitt last Friday traced the history of the AFL political thinking and declared that the success of the present structure now depends upon the efficiency of the local union in activating its membership in political campaigns championed by the AFL.

The AFL Institute came to an official close last Saturday morning with distribution of completion certificates by Thomas J. Pitts, presi-

dent of the California State Federation of Labor. The institute was jointly sponsored by the State Federation and the University of California.

Out-of-state guest speakers at the institute included Arthur M. Ross, public member of the National Wage Stabilization Board; Thomas Kalis, co-chairman of the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission; Ewan Clague, commissioner of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Joseph F. Heath, director, European labor division, Mutual Security Agency, and Harold Gibbons, executive officer, Teamster-Warehouse Local 688, St. Louis.

In addition to regular workshop sessions on workmen's compensation and labor legislation, special trade workshops were held for teamsters, culinary workers, and building tradesmen.

One of the early attempts to better working condition by the American government came in 1840, when President Van Buren ordered all public establishments to introduce a 10-hour workday.

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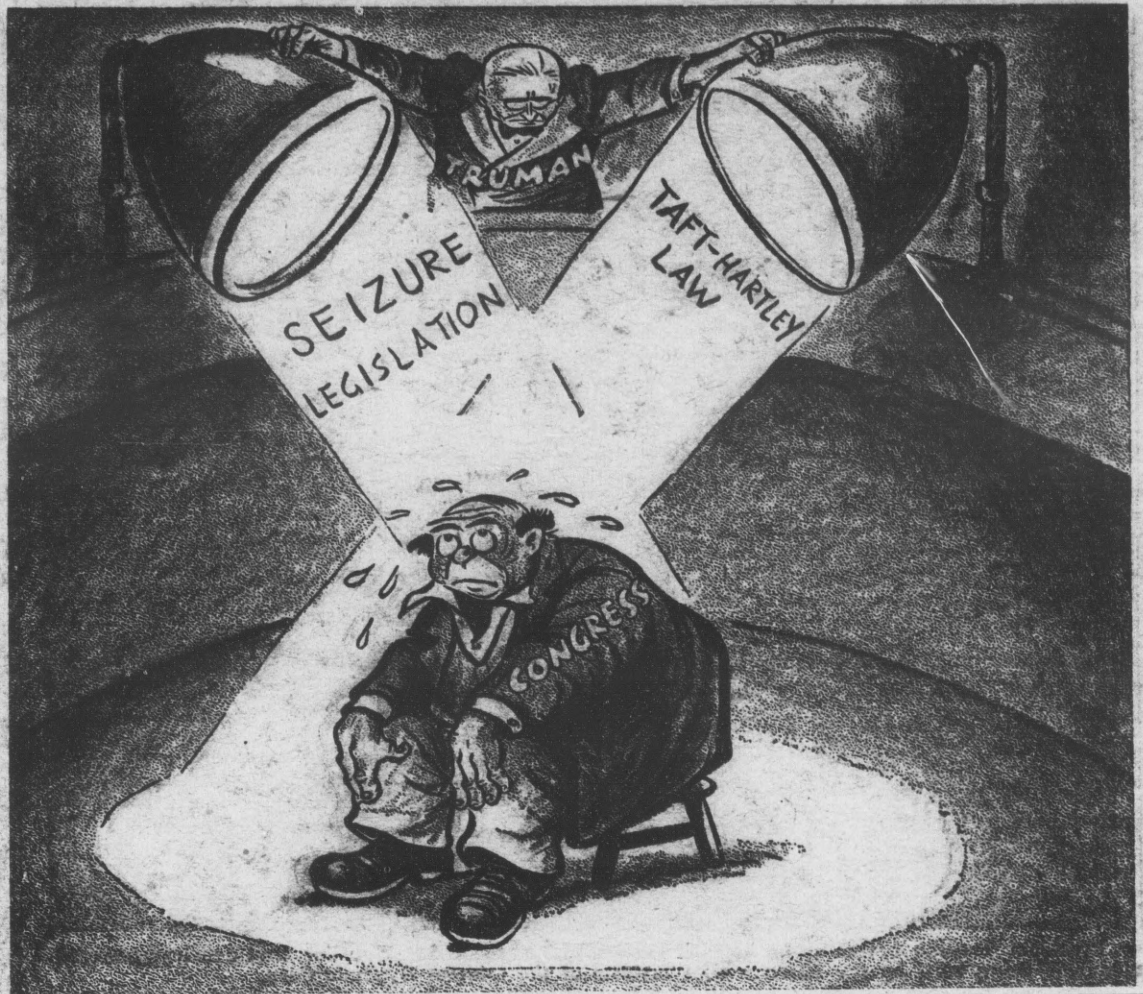
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On The Spot



Nice Fellow, That McCarthy

Senator "Jumping Joe" McCarthy is living up to his name these days as more and more of the seamy side of his past comes out in an official Senate investigation and the digging of anti-McCarthy newspapers.

Recently newspapers spotlighted these added tidbits:

1. The Milwaukee Journal, biggest daily in his home state, disclosed he has been fibbing for years about a supposed "war wound." It turns out to be a foot injury suffered aboard a naval transport during a hilarious "shell-back" initiation as the ship crossed the equator.

2. The St. Louis Post Dispatch printed a review of his financial and tax difficulties and asserted that he has been pulled out of financial holes by lobbyists whose job it is to influence votes in Congress.

The paper urged an investigation of how a senator whose interest payments indicated he had borrowed \$300,000 could retire his loans so quickly.

UNION MAN ELECTED

Redondo Beach, Calif. (LPA).—Topping a field of five, with his vote 50 per cent larger than his nearest rival's, John L. Fry, secretary-treasurer of Machinists District Lodge 720, won re-election to the board of education governing high schools here and in Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches. He campaigned as a spokesman for workers; votes cast set record.

IAM Starts Big Talent Search For Its Movie

The Intl. Assn. of Machinists-AFL is going to use home-grown talent for a forthcoming motion picture about the American labor movement and the IAM.

The union has started a nationwide talent hunt to find two members or sons or daughters of members who will qualify in the talent contest for a free trip to Hollywood, screen tests and parts in the picture.

All local lodges have been sent details of the contest. From photographs submitted by the lodges, six men and six women will be selected in each vice presidential territory for the semi-final personal judging.

From winners in these areas will be selected the national grand prize winners.

Bread and Butter Facts Politicos of AMA Likened To Witch Doctors of Old

By LANE KIRKLAND

The witch doctors of old depended for their survival upon a widespread belief in evil spirits. They cared little whether or not the patient recovered, so long as they could make a brave show of "casting out the demon."

The politicians of the American Medical Association present a modern parallel. They have spent vast sums to create, in the public imagination, a blind fear of a demon called "socialized medicine" to preserve the political value of this investment, they have to make a periodic show of casting out, from the body politic, this imaginary evil spirit.

THEY DID IT AGAIN

Last month they did it again. This time, however, they may have over-reached themselves. There is, after all, a limit to the superstition of the public — particularly when the ceremony of expelling an invisible phantom is reduced to transparent absurdity.

A bill, H.R. 7800, providing for a modest cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits, came up for a vote in the House of Representatives on May 19. It was so limited in its scope and so carefully constructed as to assure it of strong bipartisan support and almost certain adoption.

It contained a provision, Section 3, designed to correct a glaring injustice in the existing Social Security system. At present, persons who become permanently and totally disabled not only receive no current benefits, but may be penalized by the loss of old-age benefit rights due at 65 which they had built up by their previous employment. Section 3 sought merely to preserve their eligibility for old age benefits at 65.

SIMILAR TO WAIVER

This provision is similar to the "disability waiver of premium" provision contained in private insurance policies, as well as in veterans' National Service Life Insurance. It provides no health benefits or current disability payments whatsoever.

As a check against abuse, Section 3 would make it possible for the administrator to determine the existence of a full disability in questionable cases, through physical examination. The procedure was patterned after that of the VA, the Railroad Retirement Board, federal and state workmen's compensation programs, as well as the

common practice of private insurance companies.

Nobody stood to lose from this provision except the medical frauds, quacks and dishonest doctors whom the AMA piously professes to condemn. Nobody was going to be "socialized."

At this point, the AMA decided it was about time to exercise its power of political voodoo again. Its Washington lobbyist sent a wire to Congressmen labelling this innocuous section of the bill as "socialized medicine." One hundred and forty Congressmen—mostly Republicans—thereupon obediently responded with such a whirling dervish act as has seldom been seen in these parts, and succeeded in defeating the entire bill.

PROTESTS MOUNT

But the AMA overlooked certain political realities of an election year. H.R. 7800 was a popular measure. The AMA had compelled its trained seals in Congress to choose between servile obedience and political survival.

As protests mounted, most of the 140 decided it might be smart to reconsider. The bill was revived, with certain changes in wording designed to appease the AMA. Another whirling dervish act took place, and on June 17 the bill passed by an overwhelming majority.

The doctors' lobby has now transferred its operations on this measure to the Senate. It has not been appealed. It will be appealed only by the sacrifice of the rights and welfare of millions of aged and disabled American citizens.

The Senate, and the voting public, will now have to decide how this latest power play by the AMA can be reconciled with those fine words of the physician's Hippocratic Oath:

"I will follow that system of regimen which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous."

EVERYBODY ASKS WSB

New York (LPA).—More than 40,000 friends, neighbors and relatives of Brewery Workers signed petitions calling for Wage Stabilization Board approval of their new contract during the first week of a drive for signatures launched by Greater New York City locals. The agreement provides for a 35-hour week at no reduction in pay.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m. alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., C. H. Buck, Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

Seabees Volunteer Duty Now Open

Rear Admiral B. J. Rodgers, Twelfth Naval District Commandant, announced today that beginning July 1, 1952, construction men may volunteer for two years active duty with the Navy's Construction Battalions—Seabees. This reverses a previous policy in effect for the past 16 months when volunteering for active duty with the Seabees was practically closed.

A large percentage of the Seabees are AFL members of the construction trades.

Seabees are needed for construction jobs now under way at strategic Naval bases throughout the world. Volunteers may expect duty in the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, and throughout the Pacific area.

Earlier Admiral Rodgers announced that all Organized Seabee Reserve companies will go on a 48-paid-drill per year basis instead of the 24 drills per year previously in effect.

Oregon AFL Defeats Move for Labor Party

Seaside, Ore. (LPA).—A resolution calling for a national labor political party was defeated by the 400 delegates to the golden anniversary convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

The resolution was backed by Typographical Union locals which contended that both the Democratic and Republican parties are instruments of big business and pay little attention to labor.

Delegates against the resolution said such a move would cost too much money and that labor could get good results if unions would stick together in supporting the right candidates in both present parties.

Fewer babies died last year in England and Wales than in any previous recorded year. Fewer than 30 infants in 1,000 died. This means a child's expectation of life in Britain today is 66.49 years for a boy; 71.22 for a girl.

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BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Wilford L. Ward, Del Monte, phone 2-0924. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, ph. 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, alternating cities, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Angelo de Maria; Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, P.G., ph. 5-6943; Bus. Agt., Tom Eide, Monterey, ph. 5-3126; Paul Burnett, Santa Cruz, ph. 3481.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., R. Shreve, 406 Alvarado; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, P. G., phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thitgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 78 Hawthorne, phone 5-6726; home phone 2-3022.

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PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and B.A., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St., Pres., Kenneth C. Olsen, phone 5-5880; Sec., Michael Cohen, 1143 First St., phone 27783; Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Bueno, phone 2-1703, office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets 1st Thursday month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David Bush, Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G., phone 2-5213; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

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Now Lock Barn Door On Handouts

Washington (LPA).—After having handed out tax favors on \$21 billion worth of new or expanded plant facilities, the Defense Production Administration is now locking the barn door. It has announced that certificates of necessity for rapid tax amortization will now be more difficult to get.

These certificates permit corporations to "depreciate" for tax purposes a specified proportion of costs in five years instead of the usual 20 to 25. As the Wall Street Journal put it, "This has the effect of cutting the income tax payments during the early life of the facility."

What the Wall Street Journal, which earlier called these handouts a "tax bonanza," did not point out, is the added advantage of rapid amortization during a period of high tax rates.

Frank Edwards, AFL radio news commentator, put it this way:

Building Unions In Monterey in New Quarters

Various unions in the Monterey area, headed by the Building Trades Council, have moved to a new location in the former Labor Temple building, now occupied by the Fish Cannery Workers Union, at 620 Hoffman Ave., at Lighthouse Ave.

Listed as now having headquarters in the location are the following organizations:
Building Trades Council.
Laborers Union 690.
Painters Union 272.
Sheet Metal Workers 304.
Plasterers & Cement Masons Union 337.

Joins Air Force

Emmett A. Holste, journeyman floor layer and member of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 since 1950, has entered the U. S. Air Force, the union reported last week.

"They get the buildings and you get the bills."

Attend union meetings!

Sal. Electricians To Seat Officers At July 16 Meet

Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas will install newly elected officers at the meeting of Wednesday, July 16, according to Business Manager Dial H. Miles.

In recent elections, a new president was elected to succeed Al Esser. Most of the incumbents otherwise were elected without opposition.

The election was conducted by a committee of Esser, W. A. Nee and H. E. Gilmer. Elected were:

President: Frank Karp.
Vice president: E. M. Bills.
Recording secretary: P. M. Lindeman.

Treasurer: E. B. Williams.
Business manager: Dial H. Miles.

Executive board: Glen Blacklock, Roy Kimball, Elmer Cain, George Barstad, Charles Hunter and F. Neagle.

Examining board: Elmer Cain, P. M. Lindeman, Bill Clevenger and Jim Shaw.

UTW Warns Demos Not to Nominate 'Political Unknown'

Washington (LPA).—Top officials of the AFL United Textile Workers warned the Democratic party June 22 not to nominate "a political unknown" for President. To do so, the union warned, would "invite certain defeat at the hands of Republican reaction in November."

The warning came in a joint statement issued by Anthony Valente, president, and Lloyd Klenert, secretary-treasurer, assailing "increasing reports that some so-called party bosses would rather nominate a man they can control than a man who can win."

They said Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee has demonstrated that he's the "unquestioned champion vote-getter" in the Democratic party, and added that if the party bosses ignore that fact "they will ignore it at their peril and at the peril of the Democratic party." The statement added that Kefauver could lick any Republican, and is the only Democratic candidate who can do so; "more important, Kefauver is the one Democratic candidate equipped to carry forward the liberal traditions of the Democratic party."

The AFL Textile Workers endorsed Kefauver at their convention last May in Florida, first national union to do so.

New-Type Picket Signs Work Well

St. Paul, Minn. (LPA).—Something new has been added in strike banners by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor. It's the use of cartoons to tell the public something more than that there's a strike on—stay away.

Ideas were sketched out by the Federation's public relations director and then turned over to a union sign painter. Tried out at a strike against building contractors in Rochester, Minn., the banners proved effective in two ways: (1) The public took to them, made favorable comments, helped bring about a settlement for building laborers, and (2) the employers just hated them, made loud walls against their use.

In colonial times workers "sold" themselves for seven years in return for passage fare to America.

It's a Tough Life

This is the life of union business agents, as described by one of them quoted recently by *The Painter & Decorator*, monthly magazine of the AFL Painters:

"We work like horses," said this anonymous B.A. "We wear a harness, and we're often whipped like mules and driven like race horses, but we are seldom given credit for having horse sense."

VOTERS GET ANGRY, HOUSE OK'S RISE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS

Washington (LPA).—The voice of the people is louder than the voice of the American Medical Association. The House, which on May 19 defeated a move to increase old age pensions an average of \$5 a month, reversed itself June 17 and voted for the measure, 360 to 22.

The Senate had passed the bill unanimously, and little opposition was expected in the House, but just before the vote May 19 the AMA sent a telegram charging the measure was "socialized medicine" and the Dixiecrat-Republican coalition beat the bill, 41 Dixiecrats joining 99 Republicans.

But then they began hearing from the folks back home. They were deluged with protesting letters, and begged the Democrats for another chance to vote on the bill so they would "get off the hook." This is an election year, and every member of the House must face the voters.

The bill increases monthly benefits for the 4,500,000 on the old age insurance rolls \$5 a month or 12½ per cent, whichever is larger. Maximum benefit to a family would go from the present \$150 to \$168.75. The bill also permits retired persons to earn up to \$70 a month instead of the present \$50 limit and still get social security benefits. It also continues wage credits for servicemen, and opens social security coverage to certain employees now members of state and local retirement plans.

The bill passed June 17 has been modified to meet the earlier objections of the AMA, but even the revised measure was denounced by the AMA convention as "a back door to socialized medicine." The AMA objected to the federal government deciding who is permanently disabled. The AMA itself wants to do the deciding.

Despite the revisions, some die-hard Republicans in the debate June 16 insisted the bill was "purely political" and that there was more "socialized medicine" in it than in the original bill.

Voting for the bill June 17 were 194 Democrats, 165 Republicans, and one independent; voting against were 20 Republicans and two Democrats—Frank E. Smith (Miss.) and Clark W. Thompson (Texas).

NLRB Turns Down AFL Bakers on Nationwide Unit

Washington (LPA).—The National Labor Relations Board has turned down a petition by the AFL Bakery Workers for a nationwide bargaining unit of employees in the 83 bakeries in 65 cities of the Continental Baking Co.

Chairman Herzog and Member Murdock signed the opinion. Member Styles dissented. The majority found the requested unit inappropriate on the grounds of the long history of bargaining on a local area, multiple-employer basis; the local autonomy of the branch plants, and the local nature of the baking business.

Styles pointed out that sales, advertising, purchase and routing of materials; insurance, legal and financial functions; engineering, accounting and production departments are all located in New York City; that the plants produce a uniform product, that the tasks of all employees in all the plants are identical, company prices are generally uniform, and therefore all employees have mutual interests in the conditions of their employment.

It Just Polishes

New York (LPA).—The Silvan Corp. and its officers, at the urging of the Federal Trade Commission, have agreed to stop claiming that its silver polishes preserve or restore Sheffield or similar plate ware, or that the coating they deposit will not rub off.

Senate Group OK's Minimum \$5 Boost In Old Age Benefits

Washington (LPA).—The Senate Finance Committee approved June 20 a bill granting a minimum \$5 a month boost, effective in September, for about 4½ million persons receiving old age retirement benefits under the social security program. The House passed similar legislation earlier.

The Senate committee also voted to up the limit on outside earnings to \$100 a month. The House set this figure at \$70. At present, no one earning more than \$50 a month can claim social security retirement benefits.

The committee eliminated from the House bill a provision permitting states to extend social security old age benefits to some workers covered by state or local retirement systems. At present, employees with such coverage are not eligible for social security.

The Senate committee also eliminated from the House bill a controversial provision freezing old age insurance rights of persons who became totally disabled at the rate they were eligible for when they became disabled.

The Senate and House bills both provide that Korean war veterans shall be given wage credit under social security for time spent in the service. Sen. Ernest W. McFarland (D., Ariz.) said that when the Senate bill comes up for vote, he will offer an amendment to increase social security public assistance benefits by \$5 a month also.

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